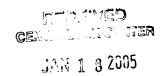
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AMENDMENTS FOR THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for managing delivery of video sequences of an interactive program guide (IPG) over a communications network to a plurality of terminals, the method comprising:

pre-allocating a broadcast bandwidth in the communications network for common video sequences to be transmitted by a broadcast technique, said common video sequences comprising IPG pages for a current time period and IPG pages for a prime viewing time period;

transmitting in the broadcast bandwidth the common video sequences to the plurality of terminals by way of the broadcast technique;

receiving a request for a specific video sequence from a specific terminal via the communications network;

allocating a demandcast bandwidth in the communications network for the specific video sequence; and

transmitting in the demandcast bandwidth the specific video sequence to the specific terminal via the communications network.

- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the common video sequences are delivered using an in-band portion of the communications network.
- 3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the specific video sequence is delivered using the in-band portion of the communications network.
- 4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the requests are received using an out-of-band portion of the communications network.
- (Canceled).

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- (Canceled).
- 7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the specific video sequence is performed using a narrowcast technique to a group of terminals which includes the specific terminal.
- 8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the specific video sequence is performed using a pointcast technique.
- 9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the pointcast technique comprises a shared pointcast technique.
- 10. (currently amended) A method for managing delivery of a plurality of video sequences that comprise interactive program guide (IPG) pages, the method comprising:

predetermining a set of video sequences to be broadcast;

allocating a broadcast bandwidth within a network with a finite bandwidth for the set of video sequences;

broadcasting the set of video sequences via the broadcast bandwidth to a plurality of terminals;

receiving a request from a specific terminal for a specific video sequence which is not within the set of video sequences to be broadcast;

allocating a demandcast bandwidth within the network for the specific video sequence;

transmitting the specific video sequence via the demandcast bandwidth to the specific terminal to fulfill the request; and

predetermining a second set of video sequences to be broadcast, wherein the second set of video sequences comprises IPG pages for prime viewing time periods.

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- 11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the broadcasting and transmitting occur by way of in-band communications in the network, and the receiving occurs by way of out-of-band communications in the network.
- 12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the first set of video sequences comprises IPG pages for a current time period.
- 13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

 predetermining a second set of video sequences to be broadcast, wherein
 the second set of video sequences comprises IPG pages for prime viewing time
 periods; and

allocating a second broadcast bandwidth within the network for the second set of video sequences; and

broadcasting via the second broadcast bandwidth the second set of video sequences to the plurality of terminals.

- 14. (Canceled).
- 15. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein transmitting the specific video sequence to the specific terminal comprises pointcasting the specific video sequence to the specific terminal.
- 16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein transmitting the specific video sequence to the specific terminal comprises narrowcasting the specific video sequence to a group of terminals which includes the specific terminal.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

 predetermining a particular video sequence to be narrowcast to a group of terminals:

allocating a narrowcast bandwidth within the network for the particular video sequence; and

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narrowcasting the particular video sequence via the narrowcast bandwidth to the group of terminals.

18. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a second request from a second specific terminal for the specific video sequence; and

transmitting the specific video sequence via the demandcast bandwidth to the second terminal,

wherein the demandcast bandwidth comprises a single stream which is used to transmit the specific video sequence to both terminals.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

one terminal from a group including both terminals finishing use of the specific video sequence; and

continuing transmission of the specific video sequence via the demandcast bandwidth.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

another terminal from the group finishing use of the specific video sequence; and

discontinuing transmission of the specific video sequence; and making the demandaast bandwidth available for re-allocation.